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REMARKS

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1. It was estimated that there were 1,500 troops in the Friedrich Franz Kaserne and the telegraph construction office in Neuruppin (N 53/2 49) on 29 March 1951. This estimate excluded the troops which left the installation on 14 March. (1) In addition to the artillery and signal units previously observed, the installation quartered a rocket launcher unit; its weapons were parked in Scholtenplatz. Trucks 50X1-HUM entered the installation on 11 March, each 50X1-HUM towing a 122-mm gun and carrying 12 to 16 soldiers. Among the vehicles 50X1-HUM which left the installation for Scholtenplatz on 19 March 1951 were: four rocket launchers series, including trucks , 50X1-HUM whose drivers wore artillery insignia. Other vehicles in barracks traffic 50X1-HUM
2. About 1,000 troops were still quartered in the See Kaserne. (1) Sixteen T-34/85 tanks entered the installation on 11 March. On 19 March, ten 50X1-HUM mortars from the installation were parked on Scholtenplatz. Six T-34/85 tanks and trucks left the See Kaserne on the same day. T-34/85 tanks 50X1-HUM JS tank and trucks left the in 50X1-HUM stallation on 21 March. Eight T-34/85 tanks and trucks 50X1-HUM left the billeting area on 26 March.
3. The Fredericus Kaserne still quartered about 5,000 troops on 14 March. 50X1-HUM Eighteen T-34/85 tanks and about 100 troops in trucks left the installation for the training area at Kuhlburgsberg on 13 March. Six tanks assembled at the edge of the woods in the training area, and slowly advanced from the woods. They were followed at a distance of 20 meters by the first wave of soldiers which was organized into groups of 3 to 10 men. Shortly afterwards, the second and third wave of tanks and accompanying infantry moved across the training area, and advanced about two km in the direction of the Gentsrode troop trainings grounds. The trucks which remained at the assembly point 50X1-HUM

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4. Mine T-34/85 tanks, including tank [redacted] one armored personnel carrier, and seven trucks carrying 120 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets traveled along Wittstockerallee toward the training area on 28 March.

[redacted] The first two trucks each towed one 122-mm artillery piece.

5. A train carrying troops with red-bordered black epaulets and billeting equipment in eight boxcars; 14 guns, apparently light AA guns, and 23 trucks on 18 flatcars was unloaded in Neuruppin on 24 March.

The troops went to the Fridericus Kaserne. (1)

6. A troop train carrying 38 or more tanks passed through the Neuruppin railroad station on 25 March, and went toward Moustadt on the Dosse River. Another troop train carrying 18 tanks, including tanks [redacted] passed through the Neuruppin railroad station at 9:30 p.m. on 28 March, it also was proceeding toward Moustadt. (4)

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[redacted] Comments.

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- (1) [redacted] reported the departure of troops of the 12th Gds Tank Div from Neuruppin for an undetermined destination during the first half of March 1951. [redacted] The troop train, which arrived in Neuruppin on 24 March, had a similar composition as a train [redacted] leaving the post on 14 March. [redacted] It has not been determined whether the units of the 12th Gds Tank Div, which probably left for short periods of field training, went to Jueterbog, Altongrabow, or the Perleberg area. [redacted]
- (2) [redacted] the Friedrich Franz Kaserne is believed to quarter the unidentified artillery regiment and AAA regiment of the 12th Gds Tank Div. [redacted] The installation may also quarter the unidentified guards rocket launcher regiment of the 12th Gds Tank Div.
- (3) The units of the 12th Gds Tank Div in the See Kaserne include the 226th Mort Regt, as is indicated by the mortars parked on Scholtenplatz directly south of the See Kaserne. [redacted] possibility that the 205th Engr Bn may also be stationed in the installation. The large number of troops in the Fridericus Kaserne indicates that at least three regiments are located there. [redacted] it is believed that the 66th Gds Tank Regt is one of the three regiments.

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[redacted] The third regiment probably is the 48th Gds Tank Regt. 50X1-HUM

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(4)

[redacted] component units of the
1st Lecz Div returned to their home stations of Doeberitz after
about eight days of field training at Wittstock on 31 March 1951.

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Since the trains mentioned in the present
report carried similar shipments, it is believed that they pertain
to that movement.

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